

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Older Americans are a treasured link to our past. With courage, hard work and unwavering devotion to family, community and country, our older citizens helped make the 20<sup>th</sup> century the American century; and,

*Whereas*, Their character, values and patriotism laid the foundation for the freedom we enjoy in this country today; and,

*Whereas*, Older Americans have indeed contributed much to the story of our past and they have much to offer our future; and,

*Whereas*, It is our obligation to support important measures and support services which ensure older men and women will lead independent, active and fulfilling lives for many years to come:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as

### *OLDER AMERICANS MONTH*

in South Dakota and I urge government officials, business people, community leaders, educators, volunteers and all the people of this state to recognize the contributions older Americans have made, and continue to make, toward the progress and prosperity of our nation.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State